

GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATING FAMILY SUPPORT AND CARE SUPPLEMENTS

Private duty nursing reimbursed by the Medicaid program are to supplement the care provided by the parent, legal guardian or caregiver. Parents, legal guardians or caregivers must participate in the care of the recipient to the fullest extent possible. Medicaid does not reimburse private duty nursing services provided solely for the convenience of the child, the parent or the caregiver.

These guidelines will be used by the QIO when making an assessment of the recipient's need for services based upon the child's condition, family support and care supplement, family's ability to provide care (including parent or legal guardian's ability to provide care), and family's and child's schedule regarding work, school, sleep, and care for other family dependents.

Activity Affecting Parental Availability	Approval Guidelines
Employment (Work Hours)	Based upon the work schedule submitted from the parent or legal guardian's employer. If self employed, the parent or legal guardian may document the work schedule in a notarized statement.
Sleep Hours	The recipient must require continual medical intervention during the times that sleep hours would be approved. The QIO may approve up to 8 hours of care per day based upon the child's level of need for medical intervention.
School	Based upon family's school schedule. Requires proof of enrollment from the academic institution with class schedule and with semester start and end dates.
Caring for Other Dependents	The QIO may approve up to 2 hours per day if there are 2 or more children in the home under the age of 12. The QIO will also take into consideration any special needs that the other children may have.
Medical Limitations	Based upon documentation from the parent/caregiver physician and not from the pediatrician treating the recipient.